

BAINBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual Residents Meeting
Held at Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge
On Tuesday 20th May 2025

Present:

Cllr Darren Percival : Vice Chair

Cllr Samantha Parfitt

NYCllr. Yvonne Peacock

3 members of the public were present.

Cllr. Thomas Tennant

Cllr Miriam Cloughton (joined later)

Mrs Kate Kelly (Clerk)

Apologies : Cllr James Peacock due to a work commitment.

1. Minutes of the Last Annual Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2024 had been issued to Councillors. Cllr Percival proposed that they be adopted as a correct record of proceedings. This was seconded by Cllr Tennant and agreed by all. The Minutes were duly signed by the Vice-Chair.

2. Chairman's Review of the Year

Cllr Peacock's Report was read out to the meeting:-

CHAIRMANS REPORT

Bainbridge Parish Council and the community are in a very strong position, and we have a healthy community spirit.

Both young and old we have some lovely places in our Parish.

Sycamore Hall continues to be in a great place for those with assisted needs and the older generation, whilst the school in the village is as strong as ever and the intake numbers are high.

We hope as a Parish Council to have strong links to the school and will continue to support any way can.

Sycamore Hall has a good shop, and the restaurant has recently been taking over and I hear it provides a good service for both residents and people from the community.

The children's play park is a fantastic asset to the village, and we were able to purchase new benches made by William Lambert for the park and which are used by both visitors and locals.

A thank you:

Kate Kelly for her work as clerk, she does a very thorough job and keeps us all in order.

My fellow councilors for the work during the year.

Karen Prudden for her work as cemetery superintendent.

I would also like to thank Jim Paredes and Ken Preston for the work in cutting the village green last year and the village looked great after they had cut the grass.

We now have a volunteer to cut the grass, and we thank Andrew Bussey who has already cut it a few times and the village looks tidy and well done to Andrew.

John Banks cuts the cemetery and keeps the upkeep of the cemetery in order.

The Christmas light committee do a fantastic job of lighting up the village and making it sparkle at Christmas.

We continue to celebrate national events by lighting a beacon on brough hill and we had VE day just recently and a thank you to Mason Scarr, Tim Prudden and Darren Percival for organizing that.

Also, Sally Drayson looks after the Millenium Island and plants the flowers in there.

All in all, a good year for the Parish.

3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 2024 Meeting and any Other Issues of Concern to Residents**

No matters arising from the 2024 meeting.

Three residents from Worton were in attendance and addressed the Council regarding their concerns about the speed limit on the A684 through Worton which is currently 40mph. They asked that the Parish Council consider requesting that the speed limit be reduced to 30mph.

There are no pavements or verges on the road and several houses are right on the roadside with no gardens or ground between them and the road. There are no alternative footpaths. Adults with children and dogs have to exit their properties and walk along the main road to turn down into the village where they can safely park their vehicles. On one occasion someone who had stopped outside a property in a vehicle had their door taken off by another vehicle coming along the road.

There is a blind bend on the road and at that point pedestrians have to walk with the oncoming traffic behind them or otherwise they couldn't see or be seen by approaching vehicles. The road surface is not good for walking on and people could easily stumble. It was noted that at least there are now streetlights which help with visibility.

This matter was discussed and the Parish Council felt that the Danger to pedestrians, motorists and cyclists may be reduced by traffic travelling through the village at a lower speed. It was felt that the current speed limit of 40mph did not meet modern road safety standards.

It was resolved that the Clerk would contact NYC Highways and the relevant authorities to request that the speed limit be lowered to 30mph.

Cllr. Percival thanked the Residents for coming along to the meeting.

4. **Date of the Next Annual Meeting**

The next annual meeting is due to take place in May 2026 with details advised nearer the time.

Signed as a True Record

Dated